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(57) ABSTRACT

A system includes an electric motor including a housing enclosing a substantially-sealed internal environment, a pump including an inlet connected to the substantially-sealed internal environment of the electric motor via a first conduit, and a fluid supply storing a makeup fluid, the fluid supply including an outlet connected to the substantially-sealed internal environment of the electric motor via a second conduit. The pump is configured to create a negative pressure within the substantially-sealed internal environment of the electric motor to mitigate potential contamination of an external environment of the electric motor with the makeup fluid.

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